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MND expresses appreciation to USFK

PHOTO BY PFC. LEE SANG HYUB

A tour guide explains traditional Korean ink stones to soldiers who participated in the tour at the Korean Folk Village in Yongin.

By Lee Sang Hyub

Hangul Editor

Arranged by the Korean Ministry of National Defense, the ROK-U.S. Friendship tour, with 67 USFK soldiers from the entire Korean peninsula, was held May 22 in order to express appreciation to U.S. soldiers' dedicated service in Korea.

"The strong military ties between the U.S. and ROK

have provided durable peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula," said Maj. Kang Sung Ku, Troop Information and Public Affairs Bureau, MND. "The event helped to build strong friendship between the U.S. and Korea," he said.

"On behalf of the government of the Republic of Korea I would like to extend my cordial welcome to each

of you who are participating in the Republic of Korea-United States Friendship Program. This program was organized as an expression of the genuine appreciation of the Korean people for your dedicated service in Korea. I hope that this program will help you have a better understanding of Korea," said Yoon Moo Jang, director general, Troop Information and Public Affairs Bureau, Ministry of National Defense.

The tour started at Changdok Palace. Changdok Palace was built in 1405 as the detached palace of Kyongbokkung, the main palace of the Jeon dynasty. Piwon, or Secret Garden, is the back garden of Changdokkung and was used by the kings and royal family of the Jeon Dynasty as a place for relaxation.

Soldiers walked among the many trees, ponds and pavilions of the special garden.

"It was my first time going to a palace. It was very

impressive to see lots of palace grounds and pavilions in the garden. If I had not gone on this trip, I wouldn't know about the palace. I found out a lot about it," said Spc. Joseph Sandefur, 305th Quartermaster Company.

After visiting Changdokkung, the soldiers toured Namsan Park and Seoul Tower. Mt. Nam is a green refuge in the center of the city and plays a large part in the lives of those who live in Seoul. Namsan Park includes an octagonal pavilion and the Seoul Tower at the summit, an aquarium, botanical garden and recreation facilities. There is an observation deck and a revolving restaurant on top of the Seoul Tower from which, on a clear day, one can see all the way to the port of Incheon, and Mt. Songak in Kaesong. Here, the soldiers on the tour enjoyed a panoramic view of the entire city of Seoul.

"I could see a lot of Yongsan here. I felt like I was in the sky. The view of Seoul

is absolutely gorgeous," said Spc. Jem Nallen, 8th Military Police Brigade.

A buffet lunch was served at the Capital Hotel. "The buffet was excellent. The food was so great that I felt like I was a VIP. I tried each different Korean food such as Kimchi, Galbi and Dduk. I ate a lot. I am so full that I cannot even walk," said Spc. Cofresi Gilberto III, Headquarters Co., 6th Cav. Bde.

After lunch, the soldiers visited the Korean Folk Village in Yongin. The Korean Folk Village was designed to look like a traditional Korean country town. It contains many architectural styles of buildings representing different regions and lifestyles across the nation, including thatch-roofed farmer's houses, a mansion for the noble class and a provincial government office.

"It was very beautiful. I liked the scenery, the furniture and everything here. The

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World Cup traffic advisory

USFK, Public Affairs Office

In an effort to reduce traffic congestion during the World Cup games, Korea Government officials will implement driving restrictions in the 10 cities where games are being held. Drivers of privately owned vehicles are asked to abide by an odd and even driving system in effect from May 30 through June 25. Drivers with license plates that end in even numbers should not drive on even numbered days. Cars with license plate numbers that end with odd numbers should not be driven on odd numbered days. USFK personnel and family members are encouraged to support our ROK allies in their efforts to limit traffic congestion as they host the world's largest sporting event. We can do our part by walking or taking public transportation to work on the days the restrictions are in effect, and by taking buses, subways and taxis to World Cup games. The restrictions apply only in the cities where the games will be held, and only on certain dates and at certain times. Check your local command information newspapers and commander's access channel for specific dates, times, and locations.

Bus lanes

Driving restrictions are in place on the Seoul-Pusan Kyongbu Expressway (expressway number one) during the World Cup games in Korea. Only buses and 12-passenger or larger vans carrying at least six people may use bus lanes on the expressway. The bus lane restriction is in effect May 31 to June 14 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Bus lanes are identified by blue highway stripes. The fine for using the bus lane illegally is about \$55 and applies to all vehicles, including military vehicles.

Power outage on South Post!

There will be a Power Outage on Yongsan South Post June 1. See page 4 for more details.

NEWS AND NOTES**U.S. Army Birthday Ball**

U.S. Army Birthday Ball will be held at the grand ballroom, Grand Hyatt Hotel on June 14, 6-9:30 p.m. For more information contact Capt. Tonya Fagan at 723-3539.

Reunion in Korea 2002

The Korea Travel Bureau is sponsoring the Reunion in Korea 2002 program. Reunion dates Sept. 23-27 and Oct. 28-Nov. 1. Details and latest Reunion information at <http://www.korea.army.mil/pao/cr/reunion.htm>. E-mail queries should be made to Reunion@ktbinc.co.kr. To speak with someone directly, call 723-3474 or 723-6085.

KNT0 photo contest

USFK military and civilian personnel are invited to participate in a photo contest sponsored by the Korean National Tourism Organization. Grand prize is 5 million won! Complete rules and other prizes will be listed in the next issue of Seoul Word For more details, visit KNT0 website at <http://www.photo-korea.org>.

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8th PERSCOM's Personnel Points

Announcement of the National Defense Service Medal

The Department of Defense announced that servicemembers on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001, are eligible to receive the National Defense Service Medal. The National Defense Service Medal may also be awarded to members of the Reserve components who are ordered to federal active duty, regardless of duration, except for certain categories. While no closing date has been established, eligible servicemembers can receive the award immediately. The National Defense Service Medal was first established by President Eisenhower in 1953, and was subsequently awarded for honorable active service for any period between June 27, 1950 and July 27, 1954, between Jan. 1, 1961 and Aug. 14, 1974, and between Aug. 2, 1990 and Nov. 30, 1995. Individuals can purchase the National Defense Service Medal at the clothing sales store.

Detailed Recruiter Assignment Preference Program

The Enlisted Personnel Management Directorate announces the new procedures to support the Detailed Recruiter Assignment Preference Program. EPMD is committed to assigning, to the maximum extent possible, detailed recruiters to one of their preferences on the Assignment Satisfaction Key "ASK." The DRAPP is an incentive for soldiers to volunteer for and successfully complete detailed recruiter duty. In support of the DRAPP, EPMD has committed to assigning detailed recruiters to one of their three CONUS preferences (or if preferred, an overseas volunteer location) to the maximum extent possible. As an added incentive, detailed recruiters who voluntarily extend their duty for 12 months will be placed on assignment instructions for their follow-on assignment at the time the extension is approved. On April 17, 2002, via PERSGRAMS,

EPMD notified all detailed recruiters to update their assignment preferences using the assignment satisfaction key—an internet tool that provides soldiers the capability to post assignment preferences directly to the Total Army Personnel Database. Beginning Mid-May 2002, detailed recruiters will be notified (via PERSGRAMS) 18 months prior to release from recruiter duty to update their assignment preferences using ASK. An Army Knowledge Online account password is required to update assignment preference and overseas volunteer location information. Use of AKO ensures necessary security requirements are met. Using ASK, detailed recruiters must enter two CONUS locations from a divisional installation listing and one CONUS location from a more expanded listing. If an overseas location is preferred, enter overseas locations in the "volunteer assignment" section of ASK. Information should be updated not later than 18 months prior to projected release from detailed recruiting duty.

Service Remaining Requirement for PLDC

The Army announces an exception to policy for the Service Remaining Obligation for Primary Leadership Development Course graduates. Soldiers attending PLDC will incur a 6-month SRO upon graduation. The Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1 has granted an exception to this policy, allowing soldiers to transition to a Troop Program Unit of the United States Army Reserve or Army National Guard without incurring any SRO upon graduation from PLDC. This exception only applies to soldiers who have or are in the process of completing an enlistment commitment to a troop program unit. Soldiers who fail to transfer to a troop program unit are required to fulfill the 6-month SRO for PLDC attendance. Soldiers who are otherwise eligible may

continue to reenlist in the regular army.

Field to File (516th/509th PSB)

As of late February 2002, the two personnel service battalions supporting soldiers in Korea, 509th PSB and 516th PSB, started participating in "Field to File." The PSBs are electronically submitting key documents to enlisted soldiers' Official Military Personnel File. Along with reducing late evaluations, soldiers have the added benefit of being able to view their documents within a few days of submission through OMPF on-line. Two units in Korea, 94th MP Bn and DISCOM/

2nd FSB have been participating in Field to File since Oct 2001. The key documents the PSBs submit are NCOERs, awards, academic evaluation reports, education/training documents, promotion and service related documents, and disciplinary actions using Hewlett Packard Digital Senders, which are configured to scan and send the electronic images of the documents straight to a server in Indianapolis. Enlisted Records and Evaluation Center intends to expand field to file to include officer evaluations, then later this year expand sending of documents to other users with special software instead of digital senders

Demonstration advisory!

Be advised that during political demonstrations at Yongsan:

- Pedestrian gates may be closed to all outbound personnel in affected areas.
- Use the pedestrian overpass for access between Gates 5 and 10.
- Vehicle traffic will experience delays and may be rerouted away from affected gates.
- Plan the use of alternate gates.
- Personnel arriving in buses or taxis should proceed to the next stop or alternate gate.
- Do not dismount in the vicinity of demonstrations.
- Yongsan MP Station, (02) 797-4097

Remember: USFK personnel are advised to stay clear of and avoid all demonstrations!

MP Blotter

The following entries were extracted from 2002 Yongsan and Area II Military Police blotters. Such entries may be incomplete and do not determine the guilt or innocence of any person

A service member was charged with larceny of AAFES property. Investigation revealed the service member was observed removing a 75 percent discount sticker from a garment and placing the sticker on another garment that was not on sale. The service member went to the checkout counter and rendered payment for the garment at the fraudulent price. The service member was detained, processed by military police and released to his

unit. The Commander's action report indicated that the service member received fourteen days extra duty and fourteen days restriction under Article 15, UCMJ, Summarized.

An E-3 was charged with assault and insubordinate conduct toward a noncommissioned officer. Investigation revealed the service member was involved in a verbal altercation with an E-5, which turned physical when the E-3 struck the E-5. The service member fled the area but was later apprehended, processed and released to his unit pending action. The Commander's Action Report indicates that, in a Field Grade Article 15, the E-3 was reduced in grade to E-2, fined \$584 for two months and given 15 days restriction.

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ICE has arrived !!

ICE is here and we want to know what you think. Log on to <http://ice.disa.mil> and take a look at our new Interactive Customer Evaluation system. We have over 90 different customer service locations to choose from. Need information? Click on the  icon to get locations, operating hours and other useful information. After you check out our website, tell us what you think. Send an e-mail to ice@34SG.korea.army.mil and let us know how we're doing.

Federal Civilian Thrift Savings Plan Open Season

There will be a Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) open season for eligible Federal Civilian Appropriated Fund Employees through July 31.

Join Cub Scouts

We are looking for a few good boys. If you are entering grades 1-5 you can join Cub Scouts. It involves fun, camping, pinewood car derby, rocket and boat races, trips, friendships and learning about yourself and the community. We are also looking for a few good adults. We need Cub Scout leaders, assistant leaders and a variety of other positions. Both men and women are needed. For more information contact Cubmaster Dionne Morford at 738-7714.

Games for Rent

Moyer Community Activities Center has six different kinds of inflatable games (Bouncy Boxing, Bun-Gee Run, Day at the Derby, Human Bowling, Human Dart, Velcro Obstacle Challenge) for rent at \$100 each game per 24 hours. For information, call 723-3295/3265.

Yard Sale

Itaewon Acres will be having a yard sale June 1st from 8:30 am-1:00 pm. If you have any questions please contact Maria Wichgers at 738-7088.

God and Country Celebration

God and Country Celebration will be held at Hannam village chapel on June 22, 5:30 p.m. For more information call the Hannam village chapel at 723-4523.

EEO/POSH Training Schedule

The training will be held at ACS Building 4106 Training Room A, June 12, July 10 and Sep 11. The training times are 9-11 a.m. for Supervisors and 1-3 p.m. for Non-supervisor. To Register, contact Vivian George, 738-4475 or email georgev@usfk.korea.army.mil.

8th MP Brigade bids farewell to commander

By Pfc. Olubunmi Babalola

8th MP BDE PAO

Col. Timothy J. Lamb, commander, 8th Military Police Brigade, 8th Army provost marshal and, United States Forces Korea provost marshal, was responsible for effectively leading, planning, directing, coordinating and supervising all aspects of law enforcement activities throughout the Korean theater in support of all Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps personnel from May 25, 2000 to June 7, 2002.

As the USFK Provost Marshal, Lamb established himself as a vigorous leader of confidence and competence by assuming responsibility for force protection, law enforcement, confinement of U.S. prisoners, and physical security/crime prevention.

Lamb's direct involvement in Antiterrorism/Force Protection resulted in numerous significant achievements and accomplishments. He ensured implementation of and improvements in the Biometrics Identification System, an automated theater-wide access control system, which improved the security of the command.

In addition to his Provost Marshal duties, Lamb simultaneously served as the brigade commander of the 8th MP Bde., the largest military police brigade in the United States Army. The 8th MP

Bde. consists of two subordinate battalion headquarters and 10 company-size units comprised of more than 1,600 U.S. Army and Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army soldiers and approximately 1,800 host nation security guards.

Lamb helped to develop the joint provost marshal and military police units into an efficient and competent total-force organization focused on mission accomplishment.

"He set high and clear standards for the soldiers. He required of himself what he required of his soldiers. He was always an example in accomplishing any mission," said Maj. Constance M. Covington, executive officer, 8th MP Bde. "He believes in making people proud of who they are and he worked hard at cultivating an environment to make soldiers want to maintain high standards and feel proud of their accomplishments," she said.

"One of the goals that I accomplished in the brigade was instilling a feeling of pride in the 8th MP Bde soldiers and inculcating the idea of service in them as well," said Lamb.

"When he assumed duty as the brigade commander, soldiers in the brigade were looking for an identity. The 'Watchdog' was adopted as the brigade's mascot in January, 2001, and all members of the brigade had something to identify with," said Maj.



FILE PHOTO

Col. Timothy J. Lamb

Carter A. Oates, 94th MP Bn.

"A major goal that Col. Lamb accomplished was bringing everyone together to work as a team. The camaraderie he brought to the brigade really made a difference," Oates said.

Lamb expects that all U.S. soldiers, KATUSAs and civilians will continue to strive to improve their competence and to work together as a team.

"I want them to continue to do the best they can in the job they are given to do. I also hope they support the new commander and his efforts just like they have supported me," he said.

Editor's note: Col. Lamb's change of command ceremony will be held June 7 at 10 a.m. at Knight Field.

Fire prevention education at Hannam Village

By Donald L. Hollis

Chief, Fire & Emergency Services Division

The Yongsan Fire Department will conduct fire education training at Hannam Village, Building 6107 on the last Friday of every month at 2 p.m. starting May 31. This training will educate residents on fire alarm system upgrades that are ongoing at Hannam Village and proper procedures in cases of fire emergencies. The key areas to be included in the training are:

- Maintaining an operational smoke detector
- Use of the ABC type household fire extinguisher
- Evacuation procedures
- How to contact the Fire and Emergency Services Division in case of an emergency

Recently, concerned residents have asked the command several questions about fire safety at Hannam Village. This monthly training will allow residents to have their concerns addressed directly from the emergency experts. Education is

key to ensuring everyone is prepared in case of an emergency. One example of misinformation is the perception that the balcony fire ladders in the high-rise and low-rise apartments at Hannam Village are the principle means of escape in case of fire. This is not correct. The apartments meet the required fire safety code without the escape ladders and the pressurized stairwell is the principle escape route in case of fire. The ladders should only be used as a last resort. In the near future the Korean National Housing Authority, in conjunction with Fire and Emergency Services, will inspect and conduct routine maintenance on all the escape ladders.

This fire education is strongly encouraged for Hannam Village residents, but is not limited to those living in Hannam Village. Anyone who resides off post and desires to learn more about fire emergency procedures may also attend this training. All fire emergencies should be reported to the Fire and Emergency Services Division DSN 738-0117 or commercial 7918-0117.

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ACS EFMP Support Groups

Support groups are a great opportunity for parents to share information, talk to specialists about their special needs, concerns or just listen and support other parents or special needs family members. The schedules are: 1. Autism Support Group meets the 2nd Monday and Thursday of each month from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Community Services Building, room #124. 2. The Hearing Impaired Support Group meets each month in Hannam Village. 3. Asthma Support Group and The Diabetic Support Group meet the 2nd Monday of each month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the CSB, room #205. For information, call 738-5311.

Volunteers Needed

The Yongsan Barracudas Swim Team needs a head coach for the upcoming summer swim season. This youth activities sanctioned team is for all Yongsan area swimmers ages 6 to 18 years old. We begin practices in late May. Meets start in mid-June and run until mid-August. If you are an experienced swim coach, avid swimmer, or just someone who would enjoy helping a terrific group of aspiring young swimmers achieve new heights, then WE NEED YOU! For more information contact John Loefstedt, (W) 723-6363, (H) 99-795-8272, or Gary Yance, (W) 742-4419, (H) 99-798-7909.

Red Cross Volunteer Instructors Needed

The Yongsan American Red Cross is in need of currently certified volunteer instructors. We're looking for instructors with enthusiasm and free time to teach, preferably on Thursday or Saturday mornings. Some of the classes currently taught include Adult CPR, CFAS, and Infant/Child CPR. For information, contact Mr. Ramlow at 738-3670. You may also stop by our office on the second floor of the USO building on Camp Kim on Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

The 2002-2003 Edition of The Seoul Survivor

The latest edition of The Seoul Survivor is currently available from ACS at Bldg 4106. The book contains helpful information for people moving to Yongsan and those already stationed here. It is free of charge. For more information contact Lisa Wood at DSN 738-4168 or snlwood@kornet.net.

Who's the Boss? - Colonels battle sergeants major in annual softball game

By Won Hong-yun

Staff Writer

Some of Area II's senior officers, represented by a team of colonels, and enlisted leadership, represented by a team of sergeants major, participated in an annual softball game at Yongsan Garrison May 25.

"This is a kind of yearly tradition where the enlisted NCOs are trying to throw out the colonels and the colonels are trying to say we are still in charge," said Tom Longeman, who coached and played right field for the colonels team.

"They play for pride, they play for fun and also they have an opportunity to sell T-shirts and hats to help contribute money towards lower enlisted personnel in the military," said Bill Hasmann, a retired Marine who umpired the game.

The game was hosted and sponsored by the Dragon Hill Chapter of the Noncommissioned Officer's Association. The home team was the team of sergeants major and the visiting team was the team of colonels.

"This is an annual Memorial Day softball game that the NCOA hosts to show comradery between officers and the senior enlisted. It is our 13th year.

Softball was chosen for today's game because everybody enjoys it, and it marks a historical beginning to summer," said Fred Schomburg, who played catcher for the sergeants major team.

The sergeants major team got off to a good start, and after scoring five runs in the first inning, it was in control most of the seven inning game. In addition, their defense turned in a stellar performance. By the end of the 4th inning, the sergeants major held

a 12-0 lead. The colonels finally broke through and scored at the top of the 5th inning. However, the sergeants major eventually won, 13-3.

After the game both teams lined up to shake hands and thanked each other for a good game. The sergeant major's team took home a trophy and the NCOA provided mugs to the officers as a token of appreciation.



PHOTO BY PVT. WON, HONG-YUN

The sergeants major team and the colonels team are congratulating each other for a good game. After presenting the winning team with a trophy both teams lined up to shake hands.

"But both teams showed great spirit and team work. It was good to see so many senior officers and enlisted personnel having so much fun," Hasmann said.

After an afternoon of sweat and fun, both teams left the field smiling.

"The NCOA will also host another tournament in October on the Columbus Day holiday," Schomburg said.

Power outage scheduled 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., June 1, Saturday, on Yongsan Garrison South Post

Officials of Department of Public Works, Headquarters, 34th Support Group, have announced a power outage from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., Saturday, June 1.

This outage is required for the Korea Electric Power Corporation to inspect and maintain high voltage Gas Insulation Switches, which connect power lines directly to Yongsan. The KEPCO power outage schedules are as follows and will affect 100 percent of Yongsan Garrison South Post:

Circuit #2 Area from 10 a.m. to noon affecting housing around Gate 19, excluding most General Officer housing, but including the Community Hospital, Collier Field House, Self-Help Center, Quartermaster Laundry, Seoul American High School, Seoul American Middle School, Swimming Pool #2 and housing adjacent to these areas.

Circuit #3 Area from 1 to 3 p.m., affecting Child Development Center, Yongsan Commissary, PX Gasoline Station, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Cable TV service and the following residential areas: General Officer housing near the Community Hospital, U.S. Embassy housing, Koelsch Grove, Watkins Ridge, Loring Village, Krzyzowski Hills and residential areas adjacent to these areas. The Transportation Motor Pool, United Nations and TMP Annex compounds will also be affected.

Circuit #4 Area from 3 to 5 p.m. affecting all areas west and east of 8th Army Drive south to X Corps Boulevard to include Headquarters, 34th Support Group building 4305, the Seoul American Elementary School, Popeye's, Burger King, U.S. Embassy Association Club, Commiskey's, AAFES Furniture Store, South Post Shoppette, Four Seasons, Chosen Gift Shop, Thrift Shop, Youth Services Gym, Walker Center, Community Services Building and adjacent residential areas.

Yongsan Main Post, Camp Coirer, Camp Kim and Sobingo Compound are unaffected by this power outage.

Dragon Hill Lodge and General Hospital will operate on alternate power. MWR Cable TV will resume broadcast after 3 p.m., however, facilities and buildings served by circuit #4 will be without cable TV service from 1 to 5 p.m.

The following facilities will reopen after their respective power outage is over: Yongsan Commissary, MWR Cable TV, PX gasoline station, Burger King, Popeye's, Charles's Stakery, South Post Shoppette and South Post Video.

Every effort will be made to return power as soon as possible for affected residents.

Any questions may be addressed to Dan Greene, 724-3900.

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Free Developmental Screening

Early Intervention Services provides free developmental screenings and evaluation services for children age birth to 36 months. If you have questions or concerns regarding how your child talks, moves, eats or plays, call 738-6792/5043. In case of older children, call 736-5214, SAES.

Finance Operating Hours

Alpha Detachment, 176th Finance Battalion will have limited operating hours between June 4-7 in preparation for the 175th Finance Command Change of Command on June 5 and the Alpha Detachment Change of Responsibility on June 7. Customer Service, Travel and In/Out-processing will be provided during these dates and times. Below is a list of the hours the finance office will be open and fully operational: June 4 open 9-11:30 a.m., June 5 open 1-4 p.m., June 6 open 1:30-4 p.m., June 7 open 1:30-4 p.m.

The Cashier's Cage will be open during its regular operating hours from Monday through Friday, except June 5 where it will open at 1 p.m. PACs may still bring in transmittal letters to the processing section during normal duty hours on these dates. The In and Out Processing center will only conduct in-processing briefings on June 5, 7. Please refer any questions to 1Lt. William D. Mitchell at 723-5676, Capt. Terrie L. Baisley at 723-3562 or 1Lt. Vives at 723-4021.

Excess Government Property Turn-in

DRMO Bupyong accepts turn-in of excess government property by appointment Monday-Thursday from 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Appointments can be made Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. by calling 722-3374 for nonhazardous property and 722-3890 for hazardous property. For information, call 722-3374.

Expansion of WIC Overseas services

Women, Infants and Children Overseas Program in Korea has received authorization to expand its services to military personnel, DoD civilians, and contractors serving in Area I sites north of Seoul and also to Camp Humphreys in Area III. For more information call the Yongsan WIC Overseas office at DSN 736-6106 or the Osan WIC Overseas office at DSN 784-3806.

Separation agreements

By Capt. S. Dennis Kim

Yongsan Legal Assistance Office

Unfortunately for many married couples, there comes a time when living together as husband and wife is no longer a viable option. Filing a petition for divorce immediately may be the next logical course of action, however, for some a separation agreement can resolve many issues between the couple prior to going in front of a judge. A separation agreement is a legal binding agreement (NOT A COURT ORDER) between you and your spouse for the period you separate until the time of divorce. Some separations can last several months or even years, so it is very important to protect yourself and have all the necessary issues between you and your spouse agreed to in writing. It is very difficult to move on with your life after a separation without getting the facts in writing, like, who gets what property and who is responsible for what debt, so a separation agreement outlines the rules (in a legally binding format) of the separation and eventually the rules of the divorce. This article will address common questions regarding a separation agreement and some important issues that should be included within it.

Q. What is a separation agreement?

A. A separation agreement is a contract (NOT A COURT ORDER) between a husband and wife when they separate from each other in which they resolve such matters as property division, debts, custody and support.

Q. If I'm separating from my spouse, do I have to have a separation agreement?

A. No law requires a separating couple to execute a separation agreement, but it is a wise idea if there are debts, children, support claims or property involved and the parties want to settle these matters in writing with binding and enforceable promises.

Q. Who prepares a separation

agreement?

A. It is best to have your own attorney prepare it for you. Never try to prepare such a complex and important document yourself. This is a job for a legal assistance attorney or a civilian lawyer, whichever you choose.

Q. Can spouses divide property in a separation agreement?

A. Yes. A couple that is separating can agree on a division of property in their separation agreement, and that agreement will be binding on them. The property to be divided consists of real property (land and the buildings on it), tangible personal property (cars, jewelry and furniture, for example) and intangible personal property (such as bank accounts, stocks and bonds, vested pensions and life insurance).

Q. Does my spouse have to sign a separation agreement?

A. No. An "agreement" means that both parties sign voluntarily. You cannot compel your spouse to sign a separation agreement or to agree to the terms that you wish to impose on him or her in the agreement.

Q. Does a separation agreement help me to get a divorce?

A. There's no way of answering this question without knowing the state or country that's involved. While a separation agreement is not a divorce and doesn't make you "single again," it can make your divorce faster or easier in some states, and it may have no effect at all on the divorce process in other places. For example, Texas does not recognize separation agreements for a divorce. If you tell your legal assistance attorney where your home is, as well as that of your spouse, the attorney can check the laws of those jurisdictions to tell you the grounds for divorce and whether a separation agreement would help you to get a divorce there.

Q. Can a spouse get his or her spouse for contempt of court, if he or she breaks the promises in the

separation agreement?

A. No. Contempt of court is the failure to obey a court order without legal justification. It is not contempt of court to violate a separation agreement unless the agreement has been made a part of a court order. You may, however, sue your spouse for breach of contract if he/she violates the separation agreement.

Q. Will a separation agreement free a spouse from paying debts for which that spouse has signed along with the other spouse?

A. No. A separation agreement is a contract between spouses. It cannot bind third parties (such as banks or finance companies) that have not signed it. If, however, your spouse promises to pay a bill and then breaks that promise, resulting in your having to pay, you can then sue your spouse for breach of contract for the amount of money you had to pay.

Q. Will a separation agreement stop a spouse from hassling the spouse?

A. While separation agreements usually have a nonharassment clause in them, you should understand that no piece of paper - be it agreement or court order—is going to stop a person from doing something he or she wants to do. If the problem is one of physical violence, a court order would be better than a separation agreement and could be used to punish the wrongdoer if he or she violated the order. If there is only an agreement, a lawsuit for breach of contract is one possible remedy for breaking the promise of not bothering each other, but it may not be a very effective remedy.

Q. Can spouses decide about custody and child support in a separation agreement?

A. Yes, and it would be a good idea to settle these issues between yourselves. Please remember, however, that the courts are not

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Learn Cross Stitching

Anyone interested in learning to cross stitch, call 723-7568/7724 for information or email byrdwelchb@usfk.korea.army.mil. Class will be held evenings or weekends.

Want to Teach a Class?

If you're interested in teaching a class in arts and crafts (cross stitching, calligraphy, embroidery, knitting, etc.), call 723-7568/7724 or email byrdwelchb@usfk.korea.army.mil to discuss a possible contract.

Shooting

The Yongsan Marksmanship Club is a private organization that supports off-duty pistol shooting for the military and civilian members of the greater Yongsan community. It meets the second and fourth Saturday of each month. Shooting takes place at the South Post shooting range, building 1560, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information, call 725-5066.

Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts has a volunteer job for you including troop leader, treasurer, secretary, publicity, military liaison, trainer and best of all lone troop committee chair. Training is available. For information, call 749-3621.

Pre-Move Briefing

Army Community Service Relocation Readiness Department will be hosting the Quarterly Pre-Move Briefing on June 5 from 8 a.m. - noon at the CSB Building Room 118. The Pre-Move Briefing is designed to assist all PCS'ing personnel with a smooth transition from Korea. The agenda includes presentations on Re-entry (Reunion/Reverse Culture Shock), Finance and Transportation as well as relocation services including SITES packages, Automaps, Request for Sponsorship and customized pre-move checklist. All persons desiring to attend must pre-register by calling DeAnna Nix at 738-7186.

Cancellation

The event of the BOSS Body Building contest today has been cancelled.

COMMUNITY CLOSURES**Quartermaster Laundry Closure**

Quartermaster Laundry will be closed June 1, 6 and 13. The Dry cleaning plant will also close on June 6 for KN holiday (Memorial Day).

TMP POL Closed

The TMP POL Issue Point will be closed on June 1, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. due to power outage. Customers should fuel up early.

Finance Closure

The 175th Finance Command (FINCOM) will have limited services on June 4 and 5 because of a change of command ceremony on June 5.

MCTs Closed

The 25th Transportation Battalion MCTs Korea wide will be closed Jun 17 to participate in the Battalion Commander Change of Command. For emergencies, contact the Staff Duty at 725-5379.

AAFES honors excellence in academics

By Sgt. 1st Class Lisa Gregory

AAFES PAO

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is committed to honoring excellence in academics through the "You Made the Grade Program." That excellence was recognized this quarter when AAFES presented \$7,000 in savings bonds to three sixth graders here in Korea.

Col. Steve T. Wilberger, 34th Area Support Group commander, and Bill Hault, AAFES Korea Capital Region general manager, presented David Purdie, a Seoul American Middle School student, a \$3,000 savings bond at the Yongsan Main Exchange. Wilburger congratulated Purdie, son of Master Sgt. Alan and O Sun Purdie, on his hard work and efforts in school this year and encouraged him to continue.

"My oldest son is in high school and he fills out the savings bond form each time he makes the honor roll and hasn't won yet," joked the elder Purdie, 17th Aviation Brigade



PHOTO PROVIDED BY AAFES

Col. Steve T. Wilberger, 34th Area Support Group commander presents David Purdie, a sixth grader at Seoul American Middle School, a \$3,000 savings bond during a presentation at the Yongsan Main Exchange.



PHOTO PROVIDED BY AAFES

AAFES Korea Central Region General Manager, Lee Holloway, stands with the winners of \$2,000 in savings bonds at Osan American Elementary School. Pictured with Holloway are Andrew Jorgenson, Buzz Roberts, Jesse Jorgenson, Patti Roberts, Judson Barnes, Katie Barnes, Tae pun Barnes and Dr. Suzanne O'Shea.

Retention NCO. "Since this is his (David's) first year being able to participate in this program, we were kind of shocked that he actually won."

A second presentation was also made at the Osan American Elementary School in front of the sixth grade student body. Lee Holloway, AAFES Korea Central Region general manager, explained to the students that in order to win the savings bond it's important to fill in the form and mail it in. The form is included in the coupon pack presented to students in grades 6 through 12 who maintain a B average or better.

Holloway and Dr. Suzanne O'Shea, the school principal, presented Jesse Jorgenson, son of Senior Master Sgt. Buzz and Patti Roberts, a \$2,000 savings bond. A second bond was then presented to Katie Barnes, daughter of Judson and Tae pun Barnes.

"It's an honor to present one

bond to a student, but it's even more of a privilege to be able to present two bonds to students from the same school," added Holloway.

The three winners were each thrilled to see their names printed on the oversized checks they received. Holloway told the student body at OAES that they too could have one to hang on their wall at home, if they continue to work hard in school.

The winners of the bonds are selected through a random drawing of entry forms mailed in by the students. The forms are included in a coupon pack that also contains \$50 of savings coupons on a variety of items at the exchange. Three winners are selected in January, April, July and October. This year AAFES will award up to \$90,000 in savings bonds to students from military communities.

The "You Made the Grade" program is designed to recognize hard work and achievements of students from military families as they maintain academic excellence while facing frequent school transfers.

Store pages on www.commissaries.com get facelift

By Bonnie Powell

Corporate Communications

FORT LEE, Va. – The surgery is complete and the popular store pages on www.commissaries.com have a new look – just in time for spring and Commissary Awareness Month. The result of the change is that commissary customers can find more information about their favorite store, including answers to questions like "where's the ice cream?"

"The new store pages have almost become a mini Web site within [commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com)," says Webmaster Corintha Russell of the Defense Commissary Agency. In addition to store hours and phone numbers, commissaries will have the flexibility to upload photos and documents as well as community information, sales information and much more.

"The customers are very excited about the new floor plans. It's their most-requested improvement!" says

Russell. Customers will be able to sort general grocery categories by aisle location or alphabetically by item at their local store – something particularly helpful for new arrivals or new customers. "It's not specifically tied in with the shopping list feature at commissaries.com," says Russell, "but it's a great guideline customers can print out showing them where to find most of the most popular grocery items such as frozen pizza, bread or dairy items."

The store pages are the most visited areas of www.commissaries.com and can be found under the locations button on the front page. The former store pages were simple one-page information sheets with limited room for basic announcements, hours and "who to contact" information.

"The new pages are more professional looking," said Russell. Web information technology specialist Janice Pavlock has been working on

the pages since the fall of 2001, "but it's really been a Web team effort," says Russell.

"Much of the store information is the same, but it definitely allows the stores to be more creative with their sites. They can use them to interest customers in coming back regularly to see 'what's new' at their local commissary," according to Pavlock.

Visitors to Camp Lejeune's Web pages will find out, for example, that they can get the "Jarhead Special" or the "Grunt's Choice" for lunch in the store deli, or that there is a store case lot sale coming up in a few weeks.

The DeCA Web site is a popular spot. Millions of visitors each month can access the shopping area to look up what's on sale at their store the day they make a trip to the commissary. They can even build a shopping list from sale items combined

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Esprit de Corps...no...it's Esprit de Navy!

U.S. Naval Security Group Detachment

What is Esprit de Corps? Who is "de Corps?" Consider the root of esprit and you find yourself with the word "sprit" or "soul" of the corps. To maintain a healthy soul, you need positive inspiration. That is what the Navy Security Group's "Esprit de Navy" team does. This team of innovative sailors has spearheaded the organization of command functions which has fostered Esprit de Navy, teamwork and a family environment. "We inspire our shipmates to get together, relax and enjoy life in the Navy outside the workplace. We do it because we want our sailors to have good clean fun and it gives our sailors something to do on their off duty time. Our goal is to build morale, pride and team spirit within the command," said Leandro, leader of the Esprit de Navy

PHOTO PROVIDED BY U.S. NAVAL SECURITY DETACHMENT SEOUL, KOREA

NSGD sailors enjoy traditional Korean food.

team.

The team set up a successful command picnic at the Yongsan Garrison Camp Coiner. The music was outstanding and the food tasted like a home cooked meal. I admire the team's hard work put into social activities and having fun," said Chief Petty Officer Stephen Tenison. The picnic was designed to allow the sailors to have fun. "We had an excellent time and enjoyed attacking the Officer in Charge with confetti eggs," said Leandro.

The second event of the year was a trip to the Demilitarized Zone that divides North and South Korea. All the sailors are encouraged to see the DMZ at least one time during their tour in Korea because they get a first hand look at the reason the United States Forces Korea is on the Peninsula. It is an awakening experience to see the history of the DMZ. The sailors learned about the infiltration tunnel built by the Communist North to sneak into South Korea. "It is something you will never forget," said Chief Petty Officer Gregory Samuels after seeing North Korean soldiers standing guard across the border. The sailors had the chance to step across the border into North Korea less than a hundred yards from one of the North Korean guard towers!

PHOTO PROVIDED BY U.S. NAVAL SECURITY DETACHMENT SEOUL, KOREA

NSGD sailors took a trip to the Demilitarized Zone that divides North and South Korea. All sailors are encouraged to see the DMZ at least one time during their tour in Korea.

The team did not stop organizing events. Leandro and her team decided that the command needed another picnic. So they organized a barbeque, which took place at the Camp Coiner Barracks. "We set up the barbeque there to make it easy for the sailors to attend. All they had to do was step outside their home to attend," said Leandro.

Bravo Zulu to the Navy's Esprit de Navy team! One of the most noticeable differences between superior and average commands is their esprit de Navy. Superior commands have high morale, great pride and feel and function like a team or family. Your hard work and dedication contributes greatly to the quality of life of our sailors!

NEWS & NOTES

Adult Confirmation Class

If you are a Baptized Catholic but have not been confirmed, you are invited to join a class in preparation for the Sacrament. For more information, call Liz Austin 749-2153.

Fellowship and Bible Study

PWOC hosts fellowship and Bible study for women of all denominations and faiths Wednesdays 9-11 a.m., Thursdays 6-8 p.m. at the South Post Chapel. Childwatch and home school room is provided. For more information, call 736-8291.

Vacation Bible School 2002

Hannam Village Chapel is hosting a vacation bible school for children from age 3 to 6th grade on June 17 to 21, 9 a.m.- noon. For more information and to register, please email: stefanieclark@hotmail.com or call the Hannam Chapel office 723-4523.

Being a free-flowing river of His love!

By Chaplain (Col.) Mark Fentress

34th Support Group and Area II Staff Chaplain

There is a story of an old man and his son who were making a long journey on foot. One afternoon, hot and tired, the father motioned that he must stop and rest. So they sat down along a dusty road.

"Oh, for the cooling shade of a tree," the young man said.

"Yes, that would be heavenly," the old man responded. "Let us plant one."

"You are overcome by the sun, Father. It would not spring up this hour and provide us with shade and cover."

"No," said the old man, "but if I plant

"...the givers in life are the happiest folk alive..."

a seed today, future travelers will rest here in comfort. Remember, my son, to always give more than you take from life. It is the secret of happiness."

Dear friend, the old man was wise indeed, for it is true that the givers in life are the happiest folk alive. For they have discovered the ultimate secret of true happiness – that you cannot out give

God, you cannot bless without being blessed, and you cannot love without being loved. That radiant little lady, Mother Teresa, knew such exquisite and deep joy in her life for she literally lived to share God's love with "the forgotten others" on the dirty streets of Calcutta. May we never forget the abiding wisdom



Chaplain (Col.) Mark Fentress

of her example and the Scriptures: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35) God bless you richly as you continue your journey!

Prayer: *Lord, make us free-flowing rivers of Your love as we journey through life. Amen*

Distinctive Faith Group Sunday Services

Episcopal	10 a.m.	Memorial Chapel
Lutheran Communion Worship	11 a.m.	121 Hospital Chapel
United Pentecostal Church International	1:30 p.m.	Memorial Chapel
Church of Christ (Non-Instrumental)	2 p.m.	South Post Chapel

Catholic

Sun	8:30 a.m.	South Post Chapel
Tues	12:05 p.m.	121 Hospital Chapel
Mon/Wed/Thur/Fri	12:05 p.m.	Memorial Chapel
Sat	5 p.m.	Memorial Chapel
Sun	Noon	Memorial Chapel

Protestant

Sun	8 a.m.	Memorial Chapel (Weekly Communion)
	9:30 a.m.	121 Hospital Chapel
	9:30 a.m.	Hannam Village Chapel (Korean)
	10 a.m.	"ROCK" Balboni Theater
	10:15 a.m.	South Post Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	K-16 Community Chapel
	11 a.m.	Hannam Village Chapel
	Noon	South Post Chapel (Gospel)
	6 p.m.	South Post Chapel (Pentecostal/Charismatic)
	7 p.m.	Camp Colbern Chapel

Islamic

Fri	Noon	Memorial Chapel
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ROK Army Korean

ROK Army Catholic Mass		
2nd Tues	Noon	Memorial Chapel
ROK Army & KATUSA Protestant Service		
Tues	6 p.m.	Camp Colbern Chapel
Wed	8 p.m.	K-16 Community Chapel
Thur	6:30 p.m.	Memorial Chapel
Korean Christian Fellowship Association		
3rd Tues	11:45 a.m.	Memorial Chapel

Jewish

Fri	7:30 p.m.	South Post Chapel
Sat	10 a.m.	South Post Chapel

Korean War Memorial

Experience the ROK military history



PHOTO BY CPL. HAN YOON-KOO

The Korean War Memorial located near Gate #5 portrays Korean military history.

By Han Yoon-koo

Associate Editor

Wars have been disastrous yet constant events that have accompanied civilization throughout its history. The history of Korea is replete with many wars and military conflicts, and untold numbers of Korean lives were sacrificed to repel the invasions from neighboring countries.

As a commemoration of all of the nation's conflicts, the Korean War Memorial was opened June 10, 1994. The Korean War Memorial was built for three reasons. The first reason was for the collection, preservation and exhibition of various historical relics and records related to the many wars fought to defend the country from foreign invasions. The second reason was to remind visitors of the patriotic spirit of their ancestors who paid the ultimate sacrifice during the country's darkest hours. The third reason was to commemorate loyal martyrs and the service that all men and women gave to the Korean nation.

The Korean War Memorial is organized into two exhibit areas, an indoors and an outdoors exhibition area.

These areas display a total of 8,500 items. The indoor areas are divided into six different rooms: the Memorial Hall, the War History Room, the Korean War Room, the Expeditionary Forces Room, the Armed Forces Room and the Large Military Equipment Room. The indoor exhibitions include war-related materials and present a record of heroic military service from the Three Kingdom Era to modern times. Three-dimensional models, dioramas, replicas and video presentations are used to portray the history. Large-scale weapons collected from many different countries are exhibited outside the memorial.

Indoor Exhibitions Area

The Memorial Hall

The Memorial Hall stimulates viewers to contemplate the Great Spirit and the achievements of national war heroes who protected Korea from many foreign invasions. To the left and right of the Memorial Hall are galleries with monuments dedicated to the memory of 160,000 soldiers who gave their lives defending Korea since 1946.

War History Room

This exhibition shows how Korean people persevered through many difficulties caused by external challenges during the Three Kingdoms Era, Goryeo Dynasty, and the Joseon Dynasty. It displays old military records and historical relics of the meritorious achievements of the heroes of those periods.

Korean War Room

The Korean War broke out June 25, 1950, when North Korea, with the support of the former U.S.S.R. and Communist China, engaged in a surprise attack on South Korea. The Korean War Room vividly

displays photographs, dioramas, articles and records that tell the complete story of the devastating war.

Expeditionary Forces Room

In Korean history, there have been a total of 12 occasions in which Korean troops have been deployed to participate in wars and conflicts on foreign soil. The Expeditionary Room displays a wide range of records related to the activities and achievements of the Korean Armed Forces in the Vietnam War, the Gulf War and other peace keeping operations. Korean soldiers have participated in.

Armed Forces Room

The modern Korean Armed Forces were established in the tradition and spirit of the different armies that protected Korea in the past. After South Korea gained its independence from Japanese colonial rule Aug. 5, 1945, South Korea founded its armed forces under the U.S. military government. As an initial step, the National Defense Headquarters was set up Nov. 13, 1945, under the authority of the U.S. military administration.

The Armed Forces Room shows the development of the Republic of Korea military from its initial period to its development into today's highly modernized Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.

Large Military Equipment Room

The Large Military Equipment Room displays a wide range of large-scale armaments including fighters, tanks, guns and vehicles used by South and North Korean Forces during the Korean War. This room also contains missiles, anti-aircraft artillery and ammunitions produced by the Korean Defense

Industry's efforts.

Outdoor Exhibition Area

The Outdoor Exhibition Area displays large-scale armaments of the Korean Army, Navy and Air Force. About 150 items are displayed including a B-52 Bomber, a 'Sky Truck' transport plane, a Hawk missile, and naval guns and radar. It also contains the 'Statue of Brothers' and the monument of King Gwanggaeto, the Great.

The Special DMZ Exhibition

A special exhibition of the demilitarized zone between North and South Korea will be on exhibit until Oct. 20. The DMZ was created after the conclusion of the Korean War. It is an area of high tension and is off limits to unauthorized personnel. The combined efforts of the War Memorial and the Time & Space Tech. Company created an exhibit that displays in vivid detail the military and environmental aspects of the DMZ and Panmunjeom, the Joint Security Area that affords the opportunity for cooperation between North and South Korea.

The Korean War Memorial hosts a regular ROK Armed Forces Honor Guard with close order drills with rifles and traditional sword play. The honor guard demonstration occurs every Friday at 2 p.m. in the Main Plaza.

The Korean War Memorial is open between 9:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. through Mar. 1 – Oct. 30 and 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. during Nov. 1 – Feb. 28. Admission is allowed up until one hour before closing time. The Korean War Memorial is closed every Monday.

The general exhibition fee is free for all U.S. and ROK soldiers. For non-military personnel, the fee for adults is 3,000 won and

1,500 won for children. To see the general exhibition and the special exhibit of the DMZ, it is 6,000 won for adults, 4,000 won for youth and 1,500 won for kindergartners. Parking fees for cars are 1,500 won per hour and buses are 4,000 won per hour. The Korean War Memorial is located in Yongsan, in front of the Ministry of National Defense near gate five and Samgakji station.



PHOTO BY CPL. HAN YOON-KOO

Based on the dramatic true story of two brothers who met each other on the battlefield, this statue symbolizes brotherly love and transcending ideology. This statue reflects the people's wishes for peace and unification by overcoming the present division and threat of confrontation.



PHOTO BY CPL. HAN YOON-KOO

ROK Armed Forces Honor Guard performing close order drills with rifles.

May 31 - June 6

May 31	Star Wars : Episode II - Attack of the Clones	P G	Fri. 5 & 8 p.m.
June 1	Star Wars : Episode II - Attack of the Clones	P G	Sat. 11 a.m., 2, 5 & 8 p.m.
June 2	Star Wars : Episode II - Attack of the Clones	P G	Sun. 2, 5 & 8 p.m.
June 3	Star Wars : Episode II - Attack of the Clones	P G	Mon. 5 & 8 p.m.
June 4	Closed		
June 5	40 Days and 40 Nights	R	Wed. 7 p.m.
June 6	Unfaithful	R	Thu. 7 p.m.

“Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones”

Starring
Ewan McGregor, Natalie Portman



Ten years after the events of THE PHANTOM MENACE, not only has the galaxy undergone significant change, but so have our familiar heroes Obi-Wan Kenobi (Ewan McGregor), Padm Amidala (Natalie Portman) and Anakin Skywalker (Hayden Christensen) as they are thrown together again for the first time since the Trade Federation invasion of Naboo. Anakin has grown into the accomplished Jedi apprentice of Obi-Wan, who himself has transitioned from student to teacher. The two Jedi are assigned to protect Padm whose life is threatened by a faction of political separatists. As relationships form and powerful forces collide, these heroes face choices that will impact not only their own fates, but the destiny of the Republic.

Rated: PG

“Unfaithful”

Starring
Richard Gere, Diane Lane



From the director of “Fatal Attraction” comes an erotic thriller about the body language of guilt, centering on a couple living in the New York City suburbs whose marriage goes dangerously awry when the wife indulges in an adulterous fling.

Rated: R

“All about the Benjamins”

Starring
Ice Cube, Mike Epps



Expert Miami bounty hunter Bucum Jackson (Ice Cube) is in hot pursuit of bail-jumper and fast-talking con man Reggie Reed (Mike Epps). When their wild chase lands the pair right in the middle of a major diamond heist, Jackson and Reed are unexpectedly confronted with the opportunity of a lifetime.

Rated: R

June 7 - June 13

June 7	Unfaithful	R	Fri. 6 & 8:30 p.m.
June 8	Return to Neverland	G	Sat. 2, 5 & 8 p.m.
June 9	Monster’s Ball	R	Sun. 2, 5 & 8 p.m.
June 10	Monster’s Ball	R	Mon. 7 p.m.
June 11	Blade 2	R	Tue. 7 p.m.
June 12	All about the Benjamins	R	Wed. 7 p.m.
June 13	Resident Evil	R	Thu. 7 p.m.

For information on movie schedules, call 723-7389.

The Chosun Gift Shop

The Chosun Gift Shop is taking special orders for Rosewood and Rattan furniture until June 1. Come in and look over the catalogs in the furniture department. There is also a shipment of beautiful Cashmere sweaters. It is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. till 3 p.m.

Do You Like to Quilt?

The Yongsan Quilters have a workshop every Monday, come when you can. They make baby blankets for the 121st hospital. For information, call 2256-2683.

Boss Needs You

Single soldiers can help plan and conduct morale activites that appeal to their leisure needs. Talk with your unit BOSS rep, volunteer to assist and/or attend the BOSS meetings each month. For information, call 723-7568/ 7724.

Pet Care Center

Customers going on permanent change of station or having other emergencies can make special arrangements with the Pet Care Center for early, late, holiday or normal closing day pick-up from the center. Pick-up from the center is the only service that will be provided on authorized closing days. For information, call 736-6426 or 723-7568.

News & Notes

Gold Pin Bowling

The Yongsan Lanes has Gold Pin Bowling every Tuesday from 6-9 p.m. Take a chance and get a strike with a Gold Pin in front. For information, call 723-7830/7203.

Monthly Prize-Bowling

The Yongsan Lanes gives a monthly prize, sponsored by the Coca Cola Company. You can win by bowling a certain score. It's free. For information, call 723-7830/7203.

Happy Birthday!

The Yongsan Lanes does birthday parties for children and adults. Reservations should be made a minimum of two weeks in advance. For information and reservations, call 723-7830/7203.

Golf Tournament

USO will host twenty teams composed of one SR officer O6/above and one JR officer O1/O3 on June 19 at 7 a.m. The remainder of the foursome will come from the USO Council and Korean business leaders. For information, call Jerry at 724-7781 or e-mail him at brenotj@usfk.korea.army.mil.

Commencement Exercise

Central Texas College will hold its 2001-2002 commencement exercise at Seoul American High School at 2 PM, June 14. Gen. Leon LaPorte will deliver the commencement address. For more information call Bobby J. Massey at 722--3815/3807.

Tuesdays Mean Toastmasters

Come out and meet new people and improve your speaking ability. The Pacific Sunset Chapter of Toastmaster's International meets Tuesday at 6:45 p.m. on Yongsan's South Post at Commiskey's Restaurant. For information, call 019-349-4175 or email mnetttrou@hotmail.com.

Free Korean Classes

Army Community Service is offering free beginners Korean Language classes on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. Classes are held in the Community Services Building, Rm. 118. Interested persons can sign-up in Rm. 205. For information, call 738-7999.

The Seoul Computer Club

The Seoul Computer Club will have Bart Decrem as the Guest Speaker who will have a lecture on the History of Linux June 8 from 2-4 p.m. After the lecture there will be time for one on one discussions."

Totspots Play Group

Totspots Play Group for children age 4 and under will be held at the Girl Scout Hut in Black Hawk Village Bldg. 5531 on Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Helping Hands

A parent-child interactive playgroup for families with children 4 and under will be held at the Hannam Village Playground in front of I Bldg. on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:30 a.m.-noon.

AFTB Open House

AFTB instructors welcome and open house will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. on June 25 at the Community Services Building. For more information call 738-3617

KIBA 30th Annual Masters Bowling Championships

By Thomas Bruce

Youth Bowling Tournament Director

Yongsan Lanes hosted the Korea Interservice Bowling Association's 30th Annual Masters Bowling Championships Memorial Day weekend. KIBA consists of approximately 3,000 bowlers Korea-wide.

This year's championships conducted over a two day period featured bowlers representing Yongsan (Area II), Osan, Camp Casey (Area I) and Camp Walker (Area IV). On the first day of competition, the starting field of 76 athletes competed in a six game quarterfinal competition where the field was cut to 12 semi-finalists based on total pinfall. On the second day of competition the 12 semi-finalists bowled against each other in 12 match point style, head to head games with the winner of each game earning a 30-pin bonus for each head to head victory. During the semi-finals the highest one game score of 278 and highest average of 234 belonged to



PHOTO BY TOM BRUCE

2001 Masters Champion, Dwayne Bruce, presents the first place trophy in the 2002 Masters Championship to Steven Rhodes, at right, from Osan, Korea.

John Marley from Yongsan. There were 18 games with honor scores of



PHOTO BY TOM BRUCE

The top five finalists pictured from left are Steven Rhodes, John Marley, Mardi Nichols, Rick Breedlove and Adam Thompson.

250 and above. Immediately after the semi-finals the top five finalists squared off in a Professional Bowlers Association Stepladder Format final competition. The first game of the stepladder finals began with the 5th Place finalist Mardi Nichols (Osan) defeating 4th Place finalist Adam Thompson (Yongsan) to secure a shot at 3rd Place Rick Breedlove (Yongsan). Mardi Nichols survived the 3rd Place match against Breedlove only to see himself face to face with another Osan bowler, Steven Rhodes in a battle for 2nd. In a match where only one Osan bowler could advance, Steven Rhodes prevailed and moved on to face John Marley in an Air Force/Osan vs. Army/Yongsan, championship match. The championship match turned out to be the best match of the Masters and produced the highest honor score of the weekend. Being the caliber of bowler that he is, John Marley excelled by throwing a 248 game but, that was

no match for the high flying Steven Rhodes as he put together 11 consecutive strikes on his way to victory. On his last ball of the tournament, with the \$1,000 winning prize secured, Steven Rhodes had only to throw one more strike to have a perfect game and claim a \$300 bonus. While standing on the approach preparing to attempt a 12th strike, the pressure began to mount as the crowd fell silent. Leaning forward and vying for a clear view through the crowd, the spectators started to roar as Steven released a seemingly perfect shot that made a beeline for the pocket and that ever-elusive 300 game. Seconds later the crowds roar of excitement turned to groans as a right handed bowlers biggest enemy, the corner 10 pin stared back at everyone in defiance. Of the 725+ games rolled during the tournament the Championship match lived up to the title all of the participants truly deserve, "MASTERS."

MWR bowling centers host 'mystery bowl' throughout the peninsula

In 13 Morale, Welfare and Recreation bowling centers around Korea, there's a new summer program being offered. From June 1 – August 31, MWR bowling centers (except Camp Hovey) will host "Mystery Bowl." Mystery Bowl offers great prizes at each bowling center, and the chance to win a mystery trip somewhere in the world! Stop by any participating MWR bowling center for an entry form, fill it out and you could win the chance to uncover one of the weekly mystery gifts being given away in each MWR bowling center! Each week the MWR bowling centers will pick one winner from that week's entries. Winners may select one of 12 mystery prize slots. Each prize slot holds a catalog with an assortment of prizes to choose from for bowlers of all ages. Prize values range from \$25 - \$100. Every week a new winner is picked from only that week's entries – no carryover from previous weeks – so stop by every week to sign up. Entry forms will be provided for any bowling activities, pro shop purchases, food purchases, or if you just stop by and ask for an entry. Don't forget, you must enter each week in order to be eligible for the weekly drawings.

There's another great chance to win during Mystery Bowl. Army MWR, with commercial sponsors Club Interval and www.GovArm.com, are offering the chance to win a great mystery trip. Each week, at the weekly prize drawing, MWR bowling centers will uncover a new clue to the mystery trip destination. Or customers can go to www.Armymwr.com to see the clues a few days after the bowling centers have given them. The first MWR bowling patron (worldwide) to correctly guess where the mystery destination is will win a trip there! Where could it be? The possibilities will be narrowed down a little bit every time a new clue is uncovered, so pull out those world maps and start checking!

For more information on the Mystery Bowl events go to www.Armymwr.com, or contact your local MWR bowling center for more details. In order to be eligible for prizes, winners must be authorized patrons of MWR bowling centers.

For more information on the MWR Mystery Bowl, contact Tchang Chung, Bowling Program manager, at DSN 725-5013.

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necessarily bound by what you say in your agreement. The terms you include for child support, custody and visitation can always be modified by the court in the best interest of the children. In the absence of proof to the contrary, however, there is a presumption that the agreement's terms concerning the children are fair, reasonable and necessary for the best interest and welfare of the children.

Q. Can the court modify the terms spouses include in a separation agreement concerning the spouse themselves?

A. Unlike the terms concerning children, which are always modifiable by the court, the terms that pertain to adults are harder to change. This depends entirely on the law of the place where the agreement is to be enforced or modified – overseas or stateside. Here is some very general guidance:

If the separation agreement hasn't been incorporated or made a part of a court decree, then it's binding and cannot be changed regarding your "adult promises," except with the consent of your spouse.

If it's been made a part of a divorce judgment or other court decree, then it may be possible to get it changed by the judge based on a substantial change of circumstances.

The court can overturn a separation agreement if it was signed due to fraud, coercion or lack of mental capacity. In most cases, however, this is a hard case to prove.

Q. Can we provide for college education of children in a separation agreement?

A. In most states the judges cannot order you to pay child support for your child in college. But you may make provisions for college in a separation agreement and these will be binding and enforceable; the court can require each of you to perform your promises that are set out in the agreement. Since college is less of a luxury and more of a necessity these days, it would be a good idea to consider whether you want to provide in writing for college expenses in your separation agreement.

Q. Should spouses provide for alimony in our separation agreement?

A. Alimony is spousal support. It is money paid by one spouse to the other to help with food, shelter, transportation, clothing and other living expenses. It is not the same thing as child support. If the two of you have agreed on some measure of temporary or permanent alimony, you should definitely put that in the separation agreement. Such a provision might state, for example, that the husband shall pay the wife alimony of \$500 per month until either

one dies or until she remarries. Or it could state that the wife shall pay the husband alimony of \$100 per month for a total of four years, at which time it will terminate forever. These are just examples. Your attorney can advise you about the specifics in your particular case.

Q. Is alimony tax-deductible?

A. If the agreement is drafted properly, alimony can be deductible for the payor and therefore taxable to the recipient. In order to be deductible by the payor, it must end at the recipient's death. It is also acceptable to make the alimony nontaxable to the recipient if it is nondeductible for the payor. This is a particularly important term and it should be spelled out clearly in the agreement how alimony payments will be treated for tax purposes.

Q. When does alimony end?

A. Alimony usually ends at the death of either party or the remarriage of the recipient (usually the wife). Sometimes clients have a provision added to the alimony terms in a separation agreement that alimony will also end if the recipient starts living with an unrelated person of the opposite sex on a regular basis as if they were husband and wife.

Q. What should spouses do if they have agreed that no alimony will be paid?

A. It is always best to set out such a term clearly in the agreement. Don't just leave it out or let the agreement be silent on this issue. A waiver of alimony is such an important term that it should be clearly spelled out in the agreement so that there is no misunderstanding.

Q. How should spouses divide their property in the separation agreement?

A. In many states there is a presumption that all property acquired during the marriage is equally divisible. Many western states have adopted this presumption – community property states. Others, especially those in the east coast have adopted an equitable distribution philosophy. Depending on the states, these are presumed to be fair forms of property division. Other divisions, such as 60-40 or 75-25 are certainly legal if the parties agree that the division is fair and reasonable (or if you go to court and the judge finds that an unequal division is justified).

Q. What about pensions and retirement benefits – are they divisible?

A. Pensions and retirement rights can also be considered marital property. This type of property is often very valuable. It is an important aspect of equitable distribution. Often a spouse's pension is the most valuable

asset of the entire marriage, and this should certainly be considered in doing a separation agreement. If there is to be no division, the agreement should say so. If the decision on pension division is to be put off or deferred because there is no present agreement, that also should be stated clearly. Make sure your agreement is very specific and plain in this area as to your intent on dividing the pension; a poorly worded agreement may be challenged in court as vague and unenforceable.

Q. How can a pension be divided?

A. The division of pension rights in a separation agreement can be done in two ways: a present-value offset, or a future percentage of payments. The former of these involves calculating

the present value of the pension right now and setting it off (or trading it) against the value of another asset, such as the other spouse's pension or the marital residence. The second approach postpones the division until whenever the employed spouse starts receiving pension payments. At this time the other spouse would receive a share of each check equal to one-half (or some other percentage) of the portion acquired during the marriage.

Q. Do spouses also divide their debts in the agreement?

A. You should set out a schedule for who pays what debt in your separation agreement, including the creditor's name, account number, purpose of the debt, approximate balance and monthly payment amount. This will not stop the creditor from suing both of you, if your spouse doesn't make the required payments and both of your names are on the obligation. But it allows you to ask the court to hold your spouse (and not you) accountable for the debt as set out in the agreement.

Q. How should spouses divide their debts?

A. There is no "right" answer to this question. In one case, the husband may take on payment for all the debts because his is the sole source of income in the family or because he created the debts in the first place. In another case, the wife may take over certain debt payments for things she charged or purchased or for things that she is being given in the property division. For example, if the husband is getting the station wagon and the wife is getting the washer and clothes dryer, it might seem fair that each should assume the debt payment for the items he or she is receiving.

Q. If a spouse wants to make sure he or she can date after their agreement is signed, can the spouse put in a dating clause?

A. There is no such thing as a "dating clause" in separation agreements if the purpose of such a clause is to allow adultery. Any sexual relations with a person who is not your spouse is adultery if it occurs before you are divorced. And no "dating clause" will make legal something that is illegal. Most separation agreements do, however, contain a clause that allows each spouse to be left alone as if single and unmarried, and that forbids each spouse from harassing, molesting or interfering with the other. It's also important to remember that servicemembers are covered by the UCMJ, article 134. Adultery is a crime and servicemembers can face harsh consequences for committing such an

offense. It is sometimes a frustrating predicament for some couples where the civilian spouse usually does not face the possibility of any criminal or administrative consequences for their actions.

Q. Should couples also provide for how they file for taxes in the agreement?

A. Yes — this is a very important provision that can save you and your spouse a lot of money in taxes, if prepared properly. A good example would be a clause that required the parties to file jointly so long as they are eligible to do so (usually until the year they are divorced) and to divide the refund or liability for taxes in a specified way, such as 50-50, or 75-25, depending on the incomes of the parties.

Q. Can a single attorney do the separation agreement for both parties?

A. No single attorney can represent both husband and wife in a separation agreement. It is best to have two attorneys involved, one to advise each partner. In this way, the husband and the wife both know that they have received independent legal advice for their individual situation from a lawyer who does not have a conflict of interest in trying to represent two clients with different goals and needs.

Q. If I have other questions about separation agreements, what should I do?

A. If there are any specific questions, call the LAO at 738-6841 or visit the office (Bldg. 4329 South Post). The office hours are as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Thursday from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Remember, seeing a lawyer early may not only solve a problem you have; it may also resolve or avoid a problem in the future. Seeing your lawyer early is practicing "Preventive Law."



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structure of the village was so amazing, and I liked the Korean people dressed in native costumes. It was very enjoyable. I learned a lot about Korean culture," said Pvt. Cho Evnie,



PHOTO BY PFC. LEE SANG HYUB

A replica of the famous Turtle Boat at the Korean War Memorial attracts visitors.

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The last stop on the tour was the Korean War Memorial located next to Yongsan Garrison. The Korean War Memorial was built in memory of the history of wars on the Korean peninsula and its tragic aspects. Here, soldiers had an opportunity to learn the history of wars in Korea from the Three Kingdoms Period through modern times.

"I didn't know Korea had experienced so many wars like these. As a soldier, I want to share the sadness with Koreans who lost their loved ones in wars," Cofresi said.

The tour concluded with a dinner at the ROK officers club at the MND. Yoon expressed appreciation to all USFK members on behalf of the

Korean government. In addition, he presented small souvenirs to all soldiers who participated in the tour.

"MND has offered this tour three times a year since 1971. Next year, we plan to invite ROK soldiers too," Kang said.

"I liked the way that MND treated us. They treated us so nice. The itinerary was perfect and the meals were excellent. Also, they provided MPs who escorted the buses so that we drove without being stopped in a traffic jam. Also there were two perfect-English speaking tour guides who educated us throughout the entire tour. I appreciate MND's care for USFK soldiers," said Pvt. Sake Sione, 152nd Aviation Battalion.



PHOTO BY PFC. LEE SANG HYUB

Two soldiers enjoy the inside view of the palace at Changdokkung.

"I expected to see a lot of Korean culture and history from this tour and it satisfied my expectation. It was real good experience for me," said Pfc. Jack W. Berry, 201st Signal Co.

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with items they buy every day, and the items are generally in the approximate order of their location in the store. "People write to us and express how much faster their trip is when they have their shopping list in hand," says Russell.

The community information section allows the commissary to tie in more closely with the local military community, according to Rick Brink, Web program manager. "Commissaries.com has become very

popular with our customers," says Brink. "It continues to evolve and improve and it increases our ability to make service members more aware of their commissary benefit."

Other features at www.commissaries.com include the latest DeCA customer news and information on the Scholarships for Military Children program. The links page has links to commissary-related Web sites with sales information, newsletters and recipes. Customers can even enter a

variety of shopping sprees offered by commercial vendors and vendors can even find out how to do business with DeCA.

The Defense Commissary Agency operates a worldwide chain of 281 commissaries providing groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families. Authorized commissary patrons purchase items at cost plus a 5-percent surcharge, which covers costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones.

Shoppers save an average of more than 30 percent on their purchases compared to commercial prices – savings worth more than \$2,400 annually for a family of four.

A core military family support element, and a valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries contribute to family readiness, enhance the quality of life for America's military and their families, and help recruit and retain the best and brightest men and women to serve their country.

Promotions to come earlier for junior soldiers

By Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs

Army News Service

WASHINGTON - Changes to the enlisted promotion system will result in 3,500 privates instantaneously rising to the rank of specialist later this year.

Constraints that prohibit soldiers from making sergeant will also be removed in October, said Sgt. Major Gerald Purcell, personnel policy integrator with the Army's G1.

The playing field will be leveled for Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course graduates with similar military occupational specialties, he added.

Privates first class will pin on the rank of specialist after being in the Army 24 months instead of the required 26 months that is currently in effect. The change is designed to help the Army meet its required number of specialists and align the Army's promotion policy with its sister services.

A shortage of specialists in the Army ranks now stems from a recruiting lull three years ago, Purcell said. The Army was forced to look at ways to get more privates first class promoted, he said.

"While researching ways to increase E-4 (specialist) promotions, I discovered that under Department of Defense guidance, the services can advance to the grade of E-4 after 24 months of service. The other services are already complying with the guidance," Purcell said.

Part of DoD's guidance was that there couldn't be at any time more than 20 percent of the specialist force with less than 24 months of service.

The Army didn't have the technology to accurately track the force, which is why it chose to promote after 26 months, Purcell said.

The early promotion to specialist is considered a good thing for the Army, Purcell said. But it's getting mixed reviews from senior noncommissioned officers.

"I understand the Army needs to meet end strength, but it's not in the best interest of the soldier to promote

"The point system will be applicable to every soldier in the MOS, and the cut-off score will reflect that."

him before he's ready for the added responsibility that more rank comes with," said 1st Sgt. Charles Greene from Fort Knox, Ky.

Soldiers who know their jobs and take the initiative to learn more, are the ones who deserve promotion, Greene said.

While not all senior NCOs are ecstatic about the change to the promotion policy, everyone agrees that junior soldiers will be pleased.

"The early promotion will be an overall benefit for the Army because it will increase morale in the junior ranks," said 1st Sgt. Roberto Vielma from Fort Campbell, Ky.

Another policy change initiated to increase morale, and promote more to the NCO corps, is the elimination of the requirement that a soldier have six months of remaining service in order to be promoted to sergeant, Purcell said.

The elimination was at the request of Lt. Gen. Timothy Maude, who

served as the Army's deputy chief of staff for personnel until he was killed by the attack on the Pentagon Sept. 11.

"He felt that there were too many constraints in the regulation prohibiting soldiers to make sergeant. It was an unnecessary hurdle to overcome," Purcell said.

Until recently, sergeants were under strength in the Army, Purcell said. However, conditional promotions to sergeant have helped increase the numbers.

Specialists who meet the cutoff score for promotion — but are operationally deployed, on a temporary profile or on the waiting list to attend a Primary Leadership Development Course — are able to receive a conditional promotion to sergeant. However, they are required to attend PLDC within 12 months.

May marked the 12-month deadline to attend PLDC for the first 500 soldiers that were conditionally promoted a year ago. An extension was given to 44 soldiers and three were administratively reduced to specialist, Purcell said.

The soldiers who were reduced in rank will not have to reimburse the Army because they did serve in the grade of sergeant, Purcell said. They just didn't meet the conditions of their promotion.

More soldiers were expected not to reach the 12-month requirement and be reduced in rank, but three was too many, Purcell said.

"Every soldier's command that was conditionally promoted committed to getting that soldier trained within the mandated time limit," Purcell said. "We shouldn't have one soldier who is

reduced in rank because he hasn't been to school. If the soldier isn't qualified, then there are provisions to get him removed from the promotion list."

Another change in promotion policy this fiscal year will affect promotable sergeants graduating from the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course.

Beginning Aug. 1, soldiers will no longer receive four promotion points per BNCOC course week. Forty points will be awarded to individuals who successfully complete BNCOC, regardless of the course length, Purcell said.

"We're treating BNCOC as an equal element. So as we merge similar MOSs, no one is at a disadvantage," Purcell said. "The perception is people are going to lose points because their course is longer than 10 weeks. That's not true."

"The point system will be applicable to every soldier in the MOS, and the cut-off score will reflect that."

Soldiers who will mostly be affected are ones that are in MOSs that have been merged, such as the medical field. Last year several medical skills were combined under the umbrella 91W. After the merge, some soldiers had promotion points based on a 12-week BNCOC course while others had points based on an eight-week course.

The new point system will give everyone promotion points based on set standards instead of the length of the course, Purcell said.

In July all Personnel Support Battalions will begin converting the BNCOC points, and adjusting promotion points. Soldiers will not be required to do anything, Purcell said.

Army game to debut this summer

By Heike Hasenauer

Army News Service

FORT BELVOIR, Va. - Starting in July, kids, as well as adults, will have the opportunity to play a realistic, interactive computer game that will take them on a virtual tour inside the Army.

"America's Army," to be distributed free of charge on the Web at americasarmy.com, will allow players to "experience" everything from the enlistment process at a recruiting station, to jumping out of a C-130 aircraft during an airborne operation and retrieving stolen Stinger missiles from enemy forces, said Lt. Col. George Juntiff, the Army Game Project's operations officer.

The Army's intent is not only to enhance kids' - and adults' - video-game-playing experiences and spark interest in the Army as a potential career, but reintroduce the Army to the population at large, said Paul

Boyce, an Army spokesman at the Pentagon.

The idea for an Army game originated at the Office of Economic and Manpower Analysis at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., as a recruiting tool for the assistant secretary of the Army for Reserve Affairs two years ago, said Maj. Christopher Chambers, deputy director of the Army Game Project.

The estimated \$8 million game - developed by computer scientists and master's degree program personnel from the joint services at the Naval Postgraduate School's Modeling Virtual Environments and Simulation Institute in Monterey, Calif., - will evolve over five years to cover all the Army's military occupational specialties, said Professor Michael Zyda, MOVES institute director.

The game, which is actually a two-part CD, one called "Soldiers," the

other "Army Operations," currently includes 20 combat-arms MOSs, Zyda said.

In the "Army Operations" portion of the game, players can enter any of 20 infantry-squad-related scenarios, said "Operations"-CD producer Professor Michael Capps.

Real-life imagery of weapons, equipment and terrain have been coupled with an emphasis on training, Capps said. "We want players to have a good time, but we want them to know, too, that when a soldier enlists in the Army, he's not simply taken to the top of a tower and told to jump. Training prepares him for whatever job he's expected to do."

In the "Soldiers" CD, players choose one of four existing soldiers as their game piece or create their own soldier, said NPS Professor John Hiles, who designed the "Soldiers" portion of the game.

The pre-selected characters possess both good and not-so-good-character traits, Hiles said.

"Players are given six resources and seven values to choose from as they make decisions that guide the character," Hiles said.

Recently showcased at one of the largest annual expositions for the computer-game industry, the Electronics Entertainment Expo in Los Angeles, Calif., "America's Army," was favorably received by representatives from some of the foremost gaming companies in the world, Army officials said.

They estimate one million of the double-CD game will be distributed to a target audience of 13- to 44-year-olds nationwide.

(Editor's note: Heike Hasenauer is a staff writer for Soldier's magazine. For more in-depth coverage, look for her story in Soldiers magazine's August issue.)